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The California Department of Housing and Community Development Announces \$ 11.3 Million grant awards for Housing Related Parks Program

Sacramento – Today the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced awards totaling \$11.3 million for the creation and renovation of parks and recreational facilities in 33 communities.

The funding will go to the following California communities:

City of Anaheim	City of Long Beach	City of San Luis Obispo
City of Anderson	City of Los Angeles	City San Ramon
City of Brea	City of Merced	City of Santee
City of Carson	City of Oakdale	City of South San Francisco
City of Chula Vista	City of Oakland	City of Tulare
City of Davis	City of Pittsburg	City of Wasco
City of Dublin	City of Porterville	County of Los Angeles
City of El Monte	City of Poway	County of Sacramento
City of Elk Grove	City of Sacramento	County of San Luis Obispo
City of Escondido	City of San Diego	County of Ventura
City of Fremont	City/ County of San	
City of Hanford	Francisco	

“HCD is delighted to award funds to this year’s grant recipients,” said HCD Director Linn Warren. “These local governments have demonstrated a commitment to affordable housing at a time when the housing market has proven to be a significant challenge for California families and low wage workers.”

The Housing Related Parks Program:

The Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program is funded through Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. Grant funds may be used for a wide range of park-related capital asset projects, including new park and recreation facilities, community centers, playgrounds, and improvements to existing parks.

To be eligible for HRP funds, localities must have (1) a compliant Housing Element, (2) submitted an annual progress report on their Housing Elements, and (3) issued housing start approvals for affordable housing units during the designated program year.

The HRP Program does the following:

- Rewards and incentivizes the production of housing affordable to lower-income households.
- Promotes long-term improvements for local planning, compliance with housing element law, and a continuing increase in the affordable housing supply.
- Encourages development of parks and recreational opportunities in park-deficient areas.

Grant Awards:

HCD made 33 awards, totaling \$11,297,475, with grants ranging from \$76,125 to more than \$1.8 million. The awardees represent a broad geographical range, with both urban and rural jurisdictions. The awardees approved construction for a total of 5,414 affordable housing units in 2010 and 2011.

The following illustrates some of the projects to be funded from these awards:

Escondido – The City of Escondido improvements will include construction of raised planter beds and a composting system, irrigation and shading for a new community garden, rehabilitation of a 400 linear foot section of the Creekwalk trail to include ADA access, and a new ADA accessible play area equipment at Escondido History Center.

Porterville – The City of Porterville will fund improvements at two parks, including renovation of the Murray Park picnic area, landscaping, and an irrigation system to improve water quality for wildlife.

Poway – The City of Poway will fund playground resurfacing and shade structure replacement, pedestrian bridge and wood decking replacement, bocce court drainage enhancements, renovation to the senior center, swim center shade structures repainting, and ball field renovation and landscaping enhancements for Poway Community Park.

San Diego – The City of San Diego will use grant funds to renovate and improve the historic eight acre Chicano Park, located beneath the San Diego-Coronado Bridge within Barrio Logan, and home to the country's largest collection of outdoor murals.

San Francisco – The City and County of San Francisco will fund the addition of a regulation high school basketball court, a new clubhouse with outdoor plazas, tot lots, a stage and performance area and raised garden planters for Boeddeker Park, and a relocated play area and new play structures for the Joe DiMaggio North Beach Playground.

Please see the attached page for a list of awarded jurisdictions and grant amounts.

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California Department of Housing and Community Development

Housing Related Parks Program PY 2011 Awardees

JURISDICTION	AWARD AMOUNT
City of Anaheim	\$302,350
City of Anderson	\$93,650
City of Brea	\$183,350
City of Carson	\$278,350
City of Chula Vista	\$488,400
City of Davis	\$196,250
City of Dublin	\$432,450
City of El Monte	\$99,750
City of Elk Grove	\$437,650
City of Escondido	\$251,275
City of Fremont	\$126,125
City of Hanford	\$164,900
City of Long Beach	\$310,000
City of Los Angeles	\$1,891,300
City of Oakdale	\$76,175
City of Oakland	\$595,100
City of Pittsburg	\$164,175
City of Porterville	\$151,900
City of Poway	\$200,850
City of Sacramento	\$434,875
City of San Diego	\$1,008,200
City/County of San Francisco	\$776,500
City of San Luis Obispo	\$139,750
City of San Ramon	\$169,600
City of Santee	\$117,450
City of South San Francisco	\$291,350
City of Tulare	\$234,975
City of Wasco	\$291,625
County of Los Angeles	\$559,500
County of Sacramento	\$203,200
County of San Luis Obispo	\$156,675
County of Ventura	\$244,200